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WSDOT Seeks Input on the Future of SR 164 and SR 169

SEATTLE – The Washington State Department of Transportation will host a series of open houses in southeast King County as it looks at potential improvements to State Route 164 and State Route 169.

WSDOT is working with local jurisdictions along SR 164 and SR 169 to produce Route Development Plans for each corridor. WSDOT and its local partners will review each route, collect public input and identify potential solutions to improve safety and keep traffic moving. Both studies will be completed in early 2006.

WSDOT invites the public to comment on key transportation issues and potential solutions for both corridors at open houses in Maple Valley, Enumclaw, the Muckleshoot Reservation and Auburn.

Maple Valley - SR 169

Tuesday, March 1, 2005
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Lake Wilderness Lodge
22500 SE 248th Street

Muckleshoot Reservation - SR 164

Tuesday, March 8, 2005
4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Philip Starr Center
39015 172nd Avenue SE

Enumclaw - SR 169 and SR 164

Thursday, March 3, 2005
4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Enumclaw High School Commons
226 Semanski Street South

Auburn - SR 164

Thursday, March 10, 2005
4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Chinook Elementary School
3502 Auburn Way

WSDOT also wants to hear from people who cannot attend the open houses. The public can contact Project Manager Seth Stark by phone at (206) 464-1288 or by e-mail at starks@wsdot.wa.gov. Project information also is available on the Web at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr164study/ and www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/sr169study/.

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The open house locations are accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations may request written materials in alternate formats, sign language interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations, or other reasonable accommodation by contacting the event sponsor, Renee Zimmerman, at (206) 464-1273. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may call the Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service, or Tele-Braille at 7-1-1, Voice 1-800-833-6384, and ask to be connected to the event sponsor's phone number.

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Drivers can now get real time traffic and weather information by dialing 5-1-1 from most phones. This new traveler information system builds upon the highly successful Washington State Highway hotline that managed 4.6 million calls each year. Callers can also use 5-1-1 to get statewide construction, mountain pass condition, and state ferry system information, as well as toll free numbers for passenger rail and airlines.

Route Development Plan Partners

SR 164: Auburn, Enumclaw, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, King County, the Puget Sound Regional Council and WSDOT.

SR 169: Black Diamond, Enumclaw, King County, Maple Valley, the Puget Sound Regional Council and WSDOT.